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Via First Class Mail

July 15, 2019

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Mr. Rubins:

In compliance with Government Code section 6253, this letter constitutes our formal response to your California Public Records Act (Gov't. Code § 6250 et seq) dated July 4, 2019 that our office received on July 15, 2019 in which you are requesting:

"All 'Brady lists,' 'Giglio lists,' 'potential impeachment disclosure lists,' or any similar compiled records or lists of records of the type set forth in California Penal Code §832.7 (b)(1)(C). That is, 'Any record relating to an incident in which a sustained finding was made by any law enforcement agency or oversight agency of dishonesty by a peace officer or custodial officer directly relating to the reporting, investigation, or prosecution of a crime, or directly relating to the reporting of, or investigation of misconduct by, another peace officer or custodial officer, including, but not limited to, any sustained finding of perjury, false statements, filing false reports, destruction, falsifying, or concealing of evidence.'"

In order to comply with our obligations under the Public Records Act, we are treating your request as a request for records setting forth information on law enforcement officers in our jurisdiction whose involvement in a criminal proceeding must be disclosed as potentially exculpatory evidence in accordance with *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and *Giglio v. United States*, 450 U.S. 150 (1972) **and** that are records as set forth in Penal Code section 832.7.

Your request calls for a compilation of information not existing within the Orange County District Attorney's Office. The Public Records Act applies to existing records and does not require a public agency to create a record that does not exist. (Gov. Code § 6252 (e) and (f); *Sander v. State Bar of California* (2013) 58 Cal.4th 300.)

Our office does not have a record of a "Brady List." Records responsive to this request are maintained as individual investigative files.

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Penal Code section 832.7 mandates the following records be made available for public inspection: peace officer or custodial officer records maintained by a state or local agency of the following:

1. An Incident involving the discharge of a firearm at a person by a peace officer or custodial officer.
2. An incident in which the use of force resulted in death or great bodily injury.
3. An incident in which a *sustained* was made by a law enforcement agency or oversight agency that a peace officer or custodial officer engaged in sexual assault involving a member of the public.
4. An incident in which a *sustained* finding was made by a law enforcement agency or oversight agency of dishonesty by a peace officer or custodial officer directly relating to the reporting, investigation or prosecution of a crime, or directly relating to the reporting of, or investigation of misconduct by another peace officer or custodial officer, including but not limited to, any sustained finding of perjury, false statements, destruction, falsifying or concealing evidence.

As defined in Penal Code section 832.8, "sustained" means a final determination by an investigating agency, commission, board, hearing officer, or arbitrator following an investigation and opportunity for an administrative appeal that the actions of the peace officer or custodial officer were found to violate law or department policy. Records not containing a record of a final determination as defined in Penal Code section 832.8 will not be disclosed.

We have responsive records to your request that are disclosed with this response.

Responsive records not disclosed or redacted portions of responsive, disclosed records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the following exemptions:

1. Government Code section 6254, subdivision (c), Personnel, and/or similar records, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.
2. Government Code section 6254, subdivision (k); Records the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law, specifically:
 - a. Attorney Work Product, Code of Civil Procedure section 2018.030.
 - b. State summary criminal history information, Penal Code sections 11140 *et seq.*
 - c. Local summary criminal history information, Penal Code sections 13100 *et seq.*
 - d. Criminal offender record information, Penal Code sections 11075 *et seq.*

These records or portions of records contain personal data and/or information of civilian witnesses or would reveal the identity of a peace officer who was involved in an incident where there was no sustained finding of misconduct as to that officer.

We are not disclosing the following recordings from the records of *People v. Miguel Siliceo*, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 17CF0642:

Body Work Camera Recordings

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| Corporal Becerra | 5:15 minutes |
| Corporal Bova | 3 minutes |
| Officer Lemoine | 4:45 minutes |
| Officer Reynoso | 30:29 minutes |

* The audio from these recordings is contained on transcripts disclosed with this response.

OCDA Audio Recordings of Interviews

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| Corporal Becerra | 16:50 minutes |
| Corporal Bova | 23:54 minutes |
| Jailer Walker | 21:26 minutes |
| Lisa Neal | 17:45 minutes |
| Officer Lemoine | 27:28 minutes |
| Officer Reynoso | 5:35 minutes |
| Sergeant James | 6:14 minutes |
| Victor Serrano | 45:53 minutes |

In order for this office to legally disclose these recordings, they would need to be altered, *i.e.* data extracted from them in order to protect the privacy of the persons identified on the recordings. This would require an employee to listen to each recording in its entirety and note the time and portions of the recording(s) that contain exempt data. Our Tech Services Unit would then perform the requested redactions.

Our cost to do this is \$ 27 per hour. (This is the rate our office charges for production of audio and video discovery.) You are obligated to pay this cost if you wish us to produce these records. This is pursuant to Government Code section 6253.9(b)(2) which states that the requester shall bear the cost of producing a copy of the record, including the cost of computer services necessary to produce a copy of the record when the request would require data extraction and/or compilation.

Please advise in writing whether you wish some or all of the above listed recordings to be redacted and that you agree to pay the cost of production for those recordings.


Please find enclosed one CD containing pages 0001-0559 of records.

In conclusion, the OCDA claims for its records, such as might exist, all applicable exemptions from the California Public Records Act disclosure. In maintaining the lawful confidentiality of these records, the OCDA, claims, enforces, and applies any and all applicable exemptions, privileges, and proscriptions against public disclosure of records, including but not limited to, those listed in Article 2 of Government Code, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 3.5, the California Evidence and Penal Codes, and the Federal Rules of Evidence.

While we have set forth our reasons for our denial, we reserve the right to present additional theories and authority for non-disclosure in the future.

If you wish to bring any additional information to our attention concerning the positions taken in this letter, please reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Denise Hernandez
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